

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-8, 13, 14, and 16 are presently pending in this case. Claims 1 and 15 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and Claims 2, 5, and 8 are amended by the present amendment. As amended Claims 2, 5, and 8 are supported by the original claims, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over LaBianca (U.S. Patent No. 4,806,455) in view of Willis (U.S. Patent No. 3,920,187); and Claims 1, 2, 4, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Suzuki (U.S. Patent No. 5,069,156) in view of Shields (U.S. Patent No. 3,297,474). Claims 3, 6-8, 13, 14, and 16 were allowed.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of Claims 3, 6-8, 13, 14, and 16.

With regard to the rejection of Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, Claim 5 is amended to recite "the hole is tapered toward the exit of the nozzle." (Allowed Claim 8 is amended in a similar manner.) Accordingly, Claim 5 is believed to be in compliance with all requirements under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

With regard to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103, Claims 1 and 15 have been canceled and Claim 2 is amended to include the subject matter of original Claim 3, which was indicated as allowable. Accordingly, the rejections of Claims 1 and 15 are moot, and Claim 2 (and Claims 4 and 5 dependent therefrom) is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance.

An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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